

Minimum Housing

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In an effort to enhance neighborhood integrity, the City established and currently enforces a Minimum Housing Code ordinance to ensure the safety and structural well-being of all residential buildings. Dangerous health and safety conditions from dilapidation, decay or unsanitary conditions; lack of electrical or plumbing facilities; inadequate ventilation, light and heating; fire hazards, etc., are subject to enforcement procedures.

(Article V of Chapter 16 of the Wilmington City Code.)

Inspections for Code Standards are usually generated by citizen complaints or by observation of a Code Enforcement Officer. An inspection may identify a dwelling as unfit for human habitation or may determine that the unit contains other Minimum Housing Code violations that could potentially lead to unfit conditions, such as:

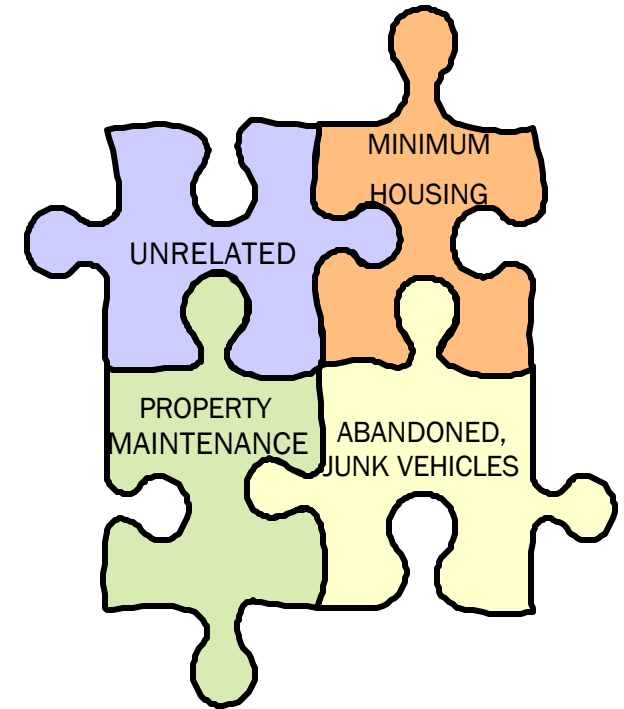
- Damaged interior walls creating unsafe conditions
- Deterioration of the supporting members, outside walls or siding
- Fire or wind damage creating unsafe conditions
- Inadequate exits
- Conditions allowing fire or other accidents
- Inadequate ventilation, light, heating or sanitary conditions
- Faulty electrical or plumbing facilities
- Deteriorated roofs, floors or deficiencies

If you would like an inspection or need additional information contact the Code Enforcement Office at 910.341.3266

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Community Services Department
Community Development Division-Code Enforcement
Post Office Box 1810
Wilmington, NC 28402

4 ORDINANCES YOU SHOULD KNOW.....



Nuisances

The City of Wilmington values its neighborhoods and all persons have a responsibility to be courteous and respectful of their neighbors. The City has found it necessary to adopt certain ordinances to preserve the integrity and quiet enjoyment of its neighborhoods. This is our mission.

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Four Unrelated People

The City of Wilmington's Zoning Ordinance prohibits more than three (3) unrelated persons from occupying a single dwelling.

If a neighbor reports that there are more than three unrelated persons living in a particular dwelling, the City will send a Code Enforcement Officer who, after determining the report's validity, will order the extra persons to move within a specified period of time. A violation of the City's Zoning Ordinance subjects the offender to a civil penalty of \$100.00 per day for each day the violation continues to exist. Renters and property owners can be held equally responsible for violations.



No more than three unrelated persons per household

(Wilmington City Code, Sections 18 Definitions)

Call the Wilmington Zoning Administrator at (910) 254.0900 to determine the zoning regulations that are applicable to residential properties in the City.

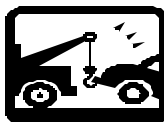
OUR PURPOSE

Our ordinances are intended to promote a higher quality of life and safety for Wilmington's citizens. For additional information on our enforcement processes or other ordinances, call: 341.3266

Abandoned, Junked Vehicles and Health or Safety Hazard

The Wilmington City Code regulates, restrains, or prohibits abandoned, junked and health or safety hazard vehicles on public and private property within the City. Vehicles regulated by this ordinance is defined as follow:

- Abandoned Motor Vehicle—a motor vehicle that is left upon a street or highway in violation of a law or ordinance prohibiting parking or is left for longer than 24 hours on property owned or operated by the City or is left longer than two hours on private property without the consent of the owner, occupant or lessee of the property or is left for longer than seven (7) days on any public street or highway.
- Health or Safety Hazard Vehicle—a vehicle that has, for a period of more than forty-eight (48) hours, been in a state of disrepair and is incapable of being moved under its own power and is found to be a breeding ground for pest, a point of heavy growth of weeds and grass over eight (8) inches, a point of accumulation of stagnant water, a point of concentration of flammable or explosive materials, in danger of falling or turning over or contain areas of entrapment.
- Junk Motor Vehicle—defined as a motor vehicle that does not display current license plate, which the motor vehicle is required, by law, to have such plate; that is partially dismantled, wrecked, or cannot be self-propelled; and is more than 5 years old appearing to be worth less than \$100.00.



Junk Vehicles

Property Maintenance

The persons in possession of property as well as the property owner are required to keep the property free from trash and garbage and to maintain weeds and grass under a height of eight (8) inches. If the City receives a complaint that property is not being maintained, a City Code Enforcement Officer will determine if the condition of the property violates City ordinances.



Property Maintenance required

Any person that fails to maintain property in accordance with the requirements of the City Code is subject to a civil penalty of \$100.00 per day for each day that the violation continues to exist. In addition, the City may abate the offending condition and place a lien on the property.

(Article II of Chapter 10 of the Wilmington City Code.)

OUR MISSION

The Community Services Department encompasses programs designed to improve the quality of life for all City residents regardless of age or economic standing.